

A.N.C.C. - Ed Access

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John Repicky, Jennifer Nacewicz (Cablevision), Peggy Jorgensen (Weston), Bill Derry (Westport), Charlie Chiesa (Greenwich), Roman Cebulski (New Canaan), Stoney Duren (Norwalk Community College), Patricia Paktinat (Stamford), Evelyn Reed (Redding), Rich Blozie (Weston), Ivan Crowther (Darien)

Start: 1:41

1.) **Approve Minutes of Sept 10, 2007.** 1st - C. Chiesa; 2nd –Peggy Jorgensen. B.Derry agreed to take notes.

2.) **Awards this year?**

- John R. handed out the new rules for the contest and asked for feedback. April 4th deadline.
- The iNET will still be used to pre-screen entries. C. Chiesa suggested a test in February

3.) **(Jumped to item 4 on the agenda) To review system-wide distribution of higher ed programming.**

- Conflicts with local programming. B. Derry explained that he was unaware of the changes to Channel 78 in Westport which happened at a meeting he was not at on April 30th. The Westport Bd. Of Ed. had an emergency meeting on a Wednesday, and the superintendent realized there had been a change. With messages to J. Nacewicz and a call from the high school, changes were made to allow the Bd. Meeting to be cablecast.
- The question came up about how use of the educational access is determined. Town specific use of cable became a problem for some groups. Norwalk CC's audience spans all 10 towns and therefore they have a need to broadcast system-wide.
- R. Cebulski suggested getting back some time on Wednesday afternoon because his school uses Wed. afternoon for a special news program. He suggested giving back some time on Saturday.
- R. Blozie asked, "Is it wrong to start adjusting the schedule to accommodate individual school needs in lieu of the fact that other universities might get involved?" J. Repicky said that with a small committee we can make adjustments based on need.
- Table this as an action item for the next meeting.
- It was determined that if a district has an emergency situation (i.e., an unscheduled Board Meeting on Wednesday nights) call at least the day before: Jennifer Nacewicz (203) 750-5614 or after 5:30: cell (203) 919-1555.

4.) **Letter from Cablevision asking for Contact Information:** e-Mail Jennifer Nacewicz with i-NET contact information at each school, so that technicians have a contact when they get to the school.

5.) **iNET report:** an iNet report (form is on the cable council website) is due in January for the calendar year 2007. This is for any use of the iNET. We all use the iNET to get the signal to the head end. If you have nothing else, you have everything that you cablecasted on Channel 78. JR suggested that schools begin gathering the info now. J. Repicky has been adding an addendum with a database or list of all programming with the description of the content. P. Jorgensen asked if she could get a copy of this since her principal requested some ideas on how iNET is currently being used. S. Duren has a video project that was done to show some ideas and he will look for it to see if he can make it available.

E. Reeve asked, as a new LMS in Redding, how she could get an overview of the system. J. Nacewicz said she would send out someone to do a tutorial, but J. Repicky suggested that she will want to see how he uses the system first. Since every school has different equipment it is difficult to give the same "overview."

6. Cablevision Concerns? : J. Nacewicz had to leave and asked for any problems or concerns. R. Cebulski asked for assistance with several issues. Arrangements were made for technicians to go out. R. Blozie had questions about an outstanding bill for 4 years while they were down. They want to clean this up and start fresh.

7. Review grants and grant Procedures : J. Repicky reviewed the availability of grant funds. The restriction regarding use by only Cablevision customers was revoked by the DPUC. These grants must promote the educational access channel.

- **Greenwich:** C. Chiesa described his grant request entirely focused on creating videos for educational access. Replacing cameras and adding 15 external hard drives (500 GB); a green screen; support system for special effects; computer to tie this all together (**\$6200**). Motion to accept. 1st -R.Cebulski; 2nd P. Jorgensen.
- **Westport:** Bill presented the Westport grant (\$4913.65) for promoting educational access with 2-3 cameras and a tripod for each school. J. Repicky recommended adding batteries and tape and case. Authorized for up to **\$5800**. Send in an addendum. Belbon 607 is another tripod that is sturdy that can be used. Motion -1st C. Chiesa; 2nd – R. Cebulski
- **Norwalk Community College:** S. Drew. Equip a hub location at NCC to provide i-Net content. (**\$5867**) Motion: -1st C. Chiesa; 2nd – R. Cebulski Erro in the addition. Changed to (**\$6367**) Motion: -1st C. Chiesa; 2nd – R. Cebulski
- **Convent of Sacred Heart:** Looking for \$6207 for an iMAC, 3 cameras, and external hard drive. **Needs to be tabled until the next meeting when a representative is present.**
- **Wilton:** Last meeting the council awarded \$5000, but project came in \$1200 under budget. JR requested \$600 for 2 wireless receivers. Like to get a second receiver for each set purchased last year. One receiver for the PA and one for the camera both working off the same microphone. A check for \$600 will be returned to council. Motion: 1st P. Jorgensen, 2nd – R. Cebulski
- **Need final Grant Reports from Last year:** Norwalk, Weston and Convent of Sacred Heart are in arrears for the grant report from last year.
- **New Canaan:** Pending the final form being submitted, R. Cebulski's grant is for a portable production switcher (datavideo) with audio mixer built in and 4 screens for preview. (\$5899) Trying to get a live production switcher which will export to a portable firewire drive. Final grant (**\$6000 to include shipping, etc**) Motion: 1st-S.Drew; 2nd C. Chiesa
- All grant recipients need to send the voucher form A.S.A.P.
- JR noted that J. Barlow HS did not submit a voucher for grant authorized in September and therefore the grant has been rescinded.

7.) OTHER:

- R.Cebulski has a student news show that will be on the New Canaan iNET channel on Wed, Oct 17 before noon.
- Next meeting NOVEMBER 19th. (Deadline for grant proposals.)

Meeting adjourned at: 3:04